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The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) scoping process associated with the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Free Flow Power Corporation's (FFP) proposed development of seven hydrokinetic energy lead project sites within the Mississippi River. FERC's EIS will be used to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The proposed project entails the installation of multiple arrays of 10-kilowatt, in-stream turbine-generators within the Mississippi River in MO, IL, TN, KY, AR, MS, and LA. Underwater cables would transmit generated power to substations located on adjacent land. At this point, the actual location and configuration of the proposed turbines, cables, and substations has not been finalized. You can visit the applicant's website for additional information about the proposed turbine design, dimensions, and other features at <http://www.free-flow-power.com>.

FERC is the lead federal agency for the project and is conducting the scoping for the projects. A copy of the existing scoping document for these projects (SD1) can be viewed on our website at <http://www.mvm.usace.army.mil/regulatory/public-notice/pn.asp>. Comments on SD1, as well as study requests regarding the proposed projects are due to FERC by July 14, 2009. Please note that any proposed study request(s) must be submitted under FERC's required format, as shown in Appendix A of SD1. A copy of the study plan criteria (18 CFR Section 5.9 (b)) is attached for your use (attachment 1).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has permit authority over these projects under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Corps of Engineers will also submit study requests to FERC for FFP's seven lead project sites. At the appropriate time, FFP will submit applications for Department of the Army permits to the appropriate districts; the Corps will solicit comments on specific projects at that time.

There are seven proposed project sites within the Mississippi River. Two of these proposed project sites are located within the boundaries of the Memphis District: Ashley Point and Hope Field Point. The Ashley Point site is located between Mississippi River miles 679.1 and 695.5 in Tunica County, MS, and Lee County, AR. The Hope Field Point site is located between Mississippi River miles 725.0 and 736.9 in Shelby County, TN, and Crittenden County, AR (attachments 2 and 3).

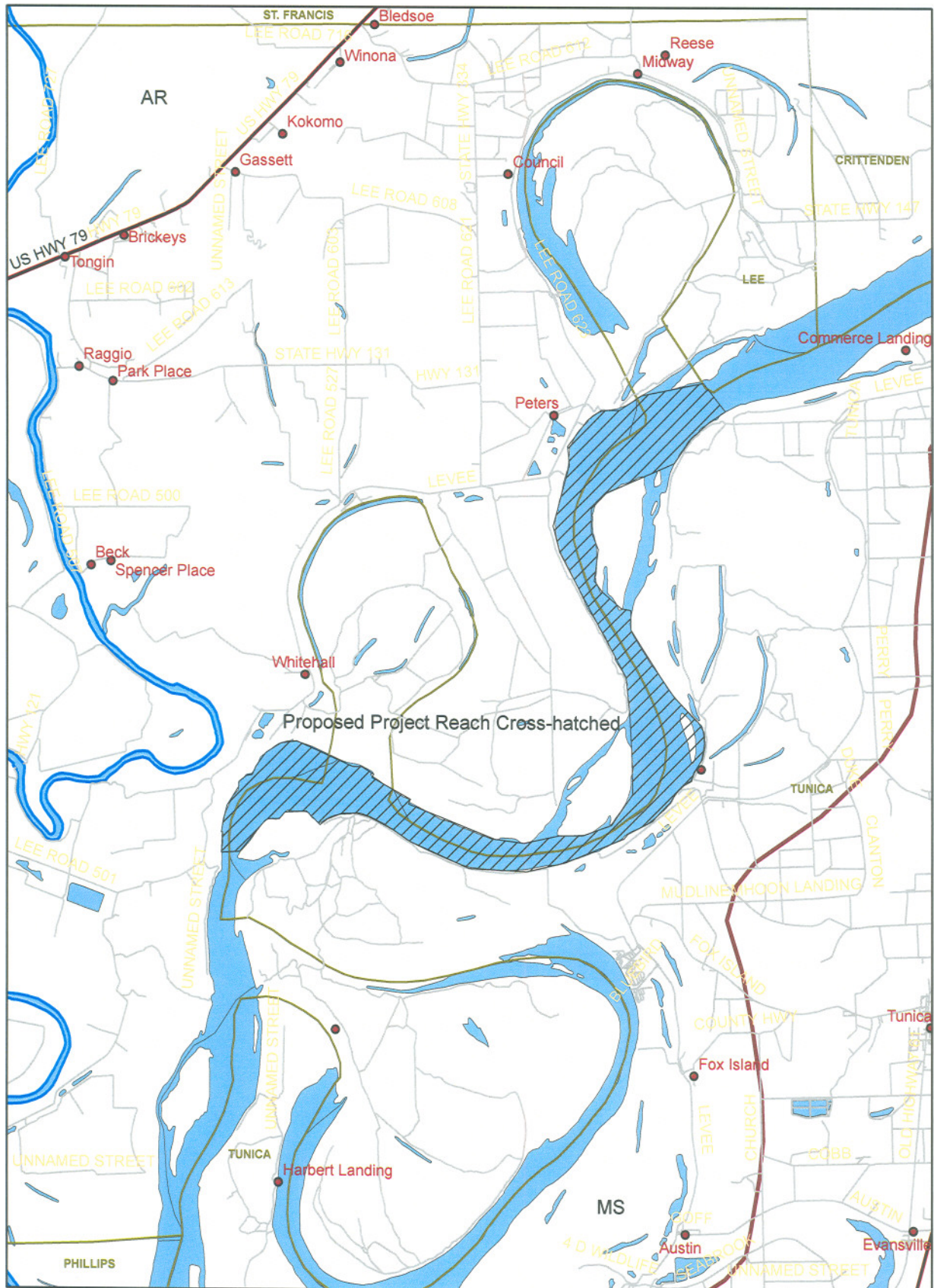
If you have any questions about SD1, submitting study proposals, the scoping process, or how FERC will develop the environmental documentation for this project, please contact Stephen Bowler at (202) 502-6861 or by e-mail at stephen.bowler@ferc.gov, or Sarah Florentino at (202) 502-6863 or by e-mail at sarah.florentino@ferc.gov. Additional information about FERC's licensing process and these projects may be obtained from their website at <http://www.ferc.gov> or Free Flow Power's website at <http://www.free-flow-power.com>. For information regarding the Corps of Engineers' role and responsibilities in this process, please contact Roger Allan at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 167 North Main Street, RM B202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103-1894, by telephone at (901) 544-3682, or by e-mail at roger.s.allan@usace.army.mil.

APPENDIX A – STUDY PLAN CRITERIA
18 CFR Section 5.9(b)

Any information or study request must contain the following:

1. Describe the goals and objectives of each study proposal and the information to be obtained;
2. If applicable, explain the relevant resource management goals of the agencies or Indian tribes with jurisdiction over the resource to be studied;
3. If the requester is not a resource agency, explain any relevant public interest considerations in regard to the proposed study;
4. Describe existing information concerning the subject of the study proposal, and the need for additional information;
5. Explain any nexus between project operations and effects (direct, indirect, and/or cumulative) on the resource to be studied, and how the study results would inform the development of license requirements;
6. Explain how any proposed study methodology (including any preferred data collection and analysis techniques, or objectively quantified information, and a schedule including appropriate field season(s) and duration) is consistent with generally accepted practice in the scientific community or, as appropriate, considers relevant tribal values and knowledge; and
7. Describe considerations of level of effort and cost, as applicable, and why proposed alternative studies would not be sufficient to meet the stated information needs.

Ashley Point Site Location



Hope Field Point Site Location

